

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 9, 2004. Claims 1 to 48 and 52 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 26 and 52 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1 to 48 and 52 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten to overcome various formal objections lodged against them. In response, the claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, and withdrawal of the objections is requested.

In the drawings, Figure 25 was objected to for not being designated as "Prior Art". A replacement sheet for Figure 25, bearing the "Prior Art" legend, is submitted herewith. Withdrawal of the objection to Figure 25 is therefore requested.

In the specification, the abstract and page 60, line 21, were objected to for various informalities. Accordingly, the abstract and the pertinent portion of the specification have been amended, and withdrawal of these objections is therefore requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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